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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), an extension of time of one (1) month (from October 3, 2002 to November 3, 2002) within which to respond to the Office Action dated July 3, 2002 is requested. Applicants are entitled to small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR 1.27. The Commissioner is authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 16-0631 for the required fees of \$55.00.

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